

SUBMISSION ON TRANSPOWER'S NOTICES OF REQUIREMENT AND APPLICATIONS FOR RESOURCE CONSENTS

Section 145 of the Resource Management Act 1991

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[If you are emailing or faxing your submission, please make it for the attention of "Grid Upgrade Submissions"]

This submission relates to the notices of requirement and/or applications for resource consent, lodged by Transpower New Zealand Ltd for the North Island Grid Upgrade Project, and identified on the next page.

CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSIONS: 5 OCTOBER 2007

Title: Mr Mrs Miss Ms (Please circle the appropriate title(s) or print clearly below)

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Please tick the relevant boxes on the next page to identify whether you are making a submission on all notices of requirement and applications for resource consents or just some of them (please identify).

Please also indicate on the back of this form (✓) whether you support, oppose, or are neutral in relation to the notices of requirement and applications for resource consents. If you are making a submission only on parts of a notice of requirement or application for resource consents, please note this when specifying the reasons for your submission.

The reasons for my/our submission are:

If you are attaching further information tick for yes

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED - AS OWNERS OF LAND DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY THE NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT

Please use more pages if you need to.

I/we seek the following decision from the Board of Inquiry (provide precise details including the nature of any conditions sought):

AS ATTACHED

Please use more pages if you need to.

Use a clear tick in the appropriate box below (✓)

I/we wish to be heard in support of my/our submission (to speak at the public hearing).

I/we DO NOT wish to be heard and hereby make my/our submission in writing only.

Signature(s): Jen Maplesden - J. MAPLEDSEN, DIRECTOR Date: 4/10/07

LAND SOLUTIONS LTD. (AS AGENT)

(Signature of submitter, or person authorised to sign on their behalf is required. Note signature is not required for electronic (email) submissions. If this is a joint submission by two or more individuals, each individual's signature is required.)



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Use the tick boxes below to indicate the called-in notices of requirement and applications for resource consents that your submission concerns. Use a clear tick in the appropriate box or boxes (✓).

I/we make my/our submission concerning all notices of requirement and applications for resource consents below

OR
My/our submission only concerns the notices of requirement and applications for resource consents that I/we have ticked below:

	Support	Oppose	Neutral
Manukau City Council			
Pakuranga Substation Notice of Requirement. Reference Number: 27619			
Otahuhu Substation Notice of Requirement. Reference Number: 27619			
Brownhill Substation Notice of Requirement. Reference Number: 27619			
Underground Cable – Pakuranga to Brownhill Notice of Requirement. Reference Number: 27619			
Underground Cable – Otahuhu to Brownhill Notice of Requirement. Reference Number: 27619		✓	
Overhead Line Notice of Requirement. Reference Number: 27619		✓	
Franklin District Council			
Overhead Line Notice of Requirement. Reference Number: L07089			
Waikato District Council			
Overhead Line Notice of Requirement. Reference Number: DES0011/07			
Matamata-Piako District Council			
Overhead Line Notice of Requirement. Reference Number: RMR200621			
Waipa District Council			
Overhead Line Notice of Requirement. Reference Number: DN/0006/07			
South Waikato District Council			
Overhead Line Notice of Requirement. Reference Number: 240/021			
Taupo District Council			
Overhead Line Notice of Requirement. Reference Number: RM070209			
Whakamaru and Whakamaru North Substation Notice of Requirement. Reference Number: RM070209			
Auckland Regional Council – Resource Consents			
<i>Pakuranga to Brownhill Underground Cable Resource Consents</i>			
Application 34102: Land Use Consent for earthworks			
Application 34370: Discharge of Contaminants to land from ancillary activities that produce wastewater or washwater			
Application 34372: Works in the Bed of a Watercourse			
Application 34373: Diversion of Surface Water			
<i>Overhead Line and Brownhill Substation Resource Consents</i>			
Application 34711: Land Use Consent for earthworks			
Application 34712: Discharge of Contaminants to land			
Environment Waikato – Resource Consents			
<i>Overhead Line and Whakamaru North Substation Resource Consents</i>			
Application 116902: Land Use Consent for vegetation clearance and earthworks			
Application 116903: Discharge Permit for the composting of vegetation			
Application 116904: Land Use Consent for the drilling of tower foundation below the water table			
Application 116905: Discharge Permit for the discharge of site water and drilling fluids from drilling activities into surface water.			

NOTE: A copy of this submission form must also be sent to Transpower as soon as possible at:
North Island Grid Upgrade Project, Transpower Freepost 182915, PO Box 1021, Wellington
or email submissions@transpower.co.nz or fax 04 819 7624.

I/we have served a copy of my/our submission on the applicant per Section 96(4) of the RMA.



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OUR SUBMISSION

1. We have been actively involved in the public consultation in respect of the project as a whole, for a number of years.

2. Through all the range of information, supplied by and on behalf of Transpower, we remain opposed to the overhead pylons in our general vicinity. Inadequate consideration has been given to visual and social aspects of the proposals, and the wider community have very significant ongoing concerns relating to this.

We regard them as ugly in what remains a beautiful countryside and their use as archaic.

3. We have seen no committed evidence of consideration of alternative power sources such as solar or individualised wind generation

The attitude of Transpower can be summarised as all too often being, "Our way or no way," which has not made many friends. Consultation has all too frequently been rather meaningless.

4. In the case of our property, significant changes have been made to the proposals. These have in part been the result of reconsideration of the content of overhead reticulation, but even since that decision, changes to the location and disruption resulting from the under grounding have occurred. We have found this very stressful and expect compensation to include an appropriate allowance for this.

As an example. In July 2005 we were advised that none of our land was required, but in the last 12 months this has been revised several times, culminating in the area shown in the Notice of Requirement.

5. We are in reluctant agreement that it is better for the power reticulation to be placed underground than overhead, particularly in or close to the urban area. However, we are not persuaded that even this option is without health risks and the further the line is from any housing, the better.

6. Consideration of compensation to us for the designation that appears likely to follow from the Notice of Requirement, must include full recognition of the detrimental effects on the subdividable potential of our land.

Our property is in a very highly sought after area, adjacent to the closely settled and rapidly developing area of Flat Bush. This will bring significant pressure for re-zoning to a higher density in the future, and regard to these issues must be given when assessing the effects of Transpower proposals.

7. We note that full support is given to the submissions of Underground In Manukau, with whom we have been associated since their inception.